



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006 AT 2:00 PM

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- December 8, 2005

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C. COUNTY MANAGER

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Julio Robaina
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Dorin D. Rolle
Audrey M. Edmonson	Darryl K. Sharpton
Carlos A. Gimenez	Natacha Seijas
Perla T. Hantman	Katy Sorenson
Barbara J. Jordan	Richard L. Steinberg

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa requested that the agenda be amended to defer items 4.B1, 4.B.2 and 4.E.1.

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the December 8, 2005 minutes. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CITIZEN COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES VACANCY LIST

No discussion on this item.

2. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC received a presentation from MDX on the expansion of the open toll road systems. He further stated that CTAC provided comments to FDOT regarding the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Process. He then stated that CTAC suggested that the SW 107th Avenue project between SW 8th Street and Flagler Street be placed on the ETDM database for consideration. He concluded by expressing CTAC's gratitude towards the Miami-Dade Public Works Department and Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) for their immediate response to the Committee's concerns. *(A copy of CTAC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Hantman appointed Mr. Richard Pulido and Jose Enriquez to CTAC.

Board Member Steinberg appointed Mr. Steve Nostrand to CTAC.

3. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on TARC activities. She informed the Board that TARC passed a resolution requesting that MDT begin the process for the Art in Public Places program for the North Corridor. She further stated that TARC approved a resolution supporting the new alignment for the East-West Corridor. She concluded by respectfully requesting that the MPO Board fill vacancies on the committees.

4. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with an update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC received a presentation by FDOT on the widening of SW 107th Avenue in Sweetwater and expressed the need to include facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians. He further stated that BPAC requested that FDOT provide special consideration to the needs of the children that walk to Sweetwater Elementary. He then stated that BPAC discussed with PWD and Planning and Zoning (PL&Z) the need to update the county's zoned right-of-way and typical roadway sections to make sure that new roads are built with the necessary space to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and landscaping. He concluded by informing the Board of the resolutions BPAC passed. *(A copy of BPAC resolution is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

5. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No discussion on this item.

B. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. MDX Status Report

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Reports, in addition to marketing efforts by MDX. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Vice Chairman Moss requested clarity on the current activities along State Road 874. Mr. Parapar responded that MDX is removing the vegetation along the expressway because of the extensive damage it received as a result of Hurricane Wilma. He further stated that MDX will landscape this corridor with vegetation that would provide a visual barrier.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that MDX maintain the shoulders of State Roads 874 and 878 free of any debris so that MDT can operate the buses on the shoulders efficiently during the proposed pilot program. Mr. Parapar responded that staff is coordinating with MDT to guarantee that the impacted corridors are ready for the pilot program.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that MDX provide the MPO Board with visuals of the proposed State Road 836 expansion on NW 137th Avenue. He then concluded by requesting that MDX staff contact him to discuss the related costs to improve bridge projects throughout Miami-Dade County.

Board Member Sorenson stated that she encourages MDX staff to continue to meet with residents impacted by the scheduled improvements on the SR 874 Corridor.

C. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Board December Meeting Follow-up Report

Mr. Mesa provided a brief overview of the follow-ups from the MPO December 8, 2006 meeting.

4. REPORTS

A. MPO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

MPO Board Member Gimenez updated the Board on the activities from the January 23, 2006 MPO Subcommittee meeting. He informed the Board that the committee discussed the latest proposed MPO legislation. *(A copy of this legislation is available at the MPO Secretariat).* He then

stated that the Committee is currently looking at the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and has requested additional information from staff for the next meeting. He concluded by stating that the Committee has agreed for staff to proceed with the Visioning the Future Study.

B. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson: Presentation by Communities United

This item was deferred.

2. Request by MPO Board Member Javier D. Souto: Private-Public Partnerships in Transportation Infrastructure Capital

This item was deferred.

C. COUNTY MANAGER

No discussion under this item.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No discussion under this item.

E. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)

1. South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit (SFECCT) Analysis

This item was deferred.

2. 2025 Florida Transportation Plan

No discussion on this item.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. **2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO YEAR 2030 TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FOUR-LANE ROADWAY FOR NW 97TH AVENUE FROM NW 138TH STREET TO NW 154TH STREET (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 3(ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member Hantman informed the Board that the proposed project on NW 97th Avenue from NW 138th Street to NW 154 Street in agenda items 5.A.1 and 5.A.2 will impact the conversion of Miami Douglas MacArthur North Senior High School into a K-8 Educational Center. She further stated that this project is part of the School Board's District Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. She clarified by stating that construction for this conversion is scheduled for December 2008 with a completion deadline in 2010. She concluded by requesting that the implementing agency for the proposed project coordinate with the Miami Dade Public School Board to prevent disruption and the opening of this educational facility.

Board Member Steinberg requested clarity on whether the proposed project is within Road Impact Fee (RIF) District 3. Dr. Bonzon responded that this project is within RIF District 3.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

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Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE KROME AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (ROLL CALL REQUIRED)

Vice Chairman Moss opened the public hearing. Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the amount of money available for this program. She also requested clarity on the nonprofit organizations awarded and the criteria the department used to make its selection. Mr. Donn responded that this year the Department received approximately \$800,000 from which they were able to fund seventeen (17) non-profit organizations in Miami-Dade County and three (3) nonprofit organizations in Monroe County. He then stated that the Department used its extensive mailing list and the local media to inform organizations about the program. He further stated that the application period is usually between November and January. He concluded by stating this year the Department received about thirty applicants.

Board Member Seijas requested information about the program criteria that would prohibit duplication and minimize recycling of the awards to the same organizations. She then requested a copy of the list of organizations that have been selected for this program. She concluded by requesting that FDOT inform the Board about the program prior to the start of the application process.

Board Member Jordan requested that staff expand the program award recipient list to include the last three years.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONTRACT EXTENSION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE FIRM GANNETT FLEMING AND ASSOCIATES DEFINING ADDITIONAL WORK AND BUDGET

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Edmonson seconded the motion. The resolution as amended passed unanimously.

2. MIAMI RIVER CORRIDOR MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MIAMI RIVER CORRIDOR MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Edmonson seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. SOUTH LINK ALTERNATIVES

RESOLUTION APPROVING ALTERNATIVES TO ADVANCE TO THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS' TIER II FOR DETAILED EVALUATION

Vice Chairman Moss requested clarity on whether the alternative sponsored by Chairman Martinez has been modified. Mr. Mesa responded that the Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) alternative is being proposed to run along the CSX corridor from the Miami Intermodal Center to the Metrozoo area. He further stated that the line will veer west to the Tamiami Airport area but will not travel further south. He concluded by stating this new route will not compete with the South Link Corridor.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that he is supportive of this new route because it will provide an alternative to the residents that are in the Metrozoo area. He further stated that this route will also support plans to designate the Metrozoo as a major attraction district in the county.

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on whether the DMU alternative is separate from the South Link Study. She further stated that this corridor would need to be researched formally in the future. Mr. Mesa responded that the DMU alternative is separate from the South Link Study. He then stated that the Miami-Dade Transit is

currently studying this alternative and once completed a report will be provided to the Board.

Board Member Seijas moved for approval of a resolution authorizing staff to conduct a DMU demonstration pilot project. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion.

Before the motion was voted upon there was discussion, Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on the cost of this study and its funding source. Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director, responded that the agency program management consultant is currently researching the feasibility of this Demonstration Pilot Project and the requested information will be available in two weeks. He further explained to the Board that this project is being conducted in association with the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). He then stated that the original Dolphin corridor competed with the East-West Corridor whereas the DMU alternative would not compete with any of the New Start submittals. He further concluded by stating that MDT is also coordinating this effort with South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) which is seeking to improve its current service level in Miami-Dade County.

Vice Chairman Moss requested that the proposed motion be amended to include Board Member Sorenson's request for a full report on the cost of the study and its funding source be provided at the next MPO Board meeting. Upon being put to a vote, the motion as amended passed unanimously.

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS: SPECIAL USE LANE PILOT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PARTICIPATION IN TWO INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIAL USE LANE PILOT PROGRAM

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Edmonson seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Board Member Jordan informed the Board that the accident report for intersection NW 27th Avenue and 167th Street indicated that there is a serious problem in this corridor that will get worse as development in the area is increased. She concluded by requesting staff to provide the feasibility of studying alternatives to improve the entrance ramps onto State Road 826 at this corridor.

Board Member Diaz expressed concern with the traffic congestion in the Sunpass lane on the Florida Turnpike at the Bird Road Interchange area. He concluded by requesting the status on this issue. Mr. Bill Austin, Turnpike, responded by stating that the said corridor currently have two lanes operational for Sunpass-only. He further stated that the Turnpike is aware of the capacity problem at this interchange and is working with the PWD Department to implement recommendations from a study conducted by PWD on this corridor.

Board Member Diaz requested that the Florida Turnpike Enterprise provide him with a formal report on a timeframe for implementing improvements at the Bird Road Interchange on the Turnpike.

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.